



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Northwood Middle

Greenville

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 850

Principal: Richard Griffin

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Dr. Keith Ray

PERFORMANCE

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| YEAR | ABSOLUTE RATING | GROWTH RATING | PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD | AYP STATUS | NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS |
|------|-----------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| 2008 | Average | At-Risk | TBD | Not Met | N/A |
| 2007 | Average | At-Risk | N/A | Not Met | N/A |
| 2006 | Average | At-Risk | N/A | Not Met | N/A |

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

0

GOOD

7

AVERAGE

20

BELOW AVERAGE

3

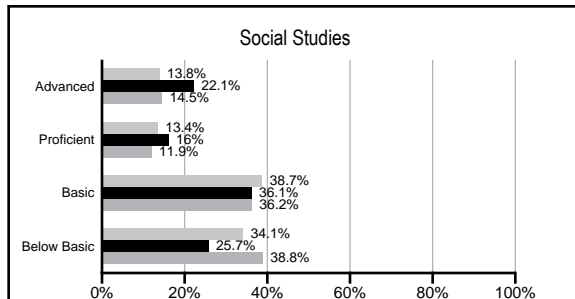
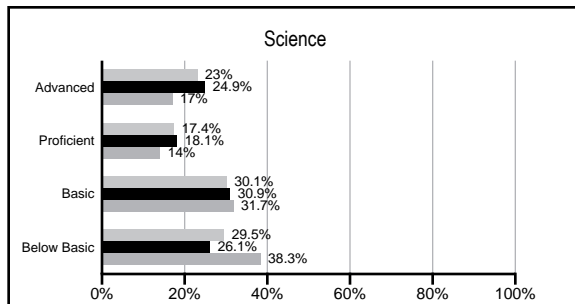
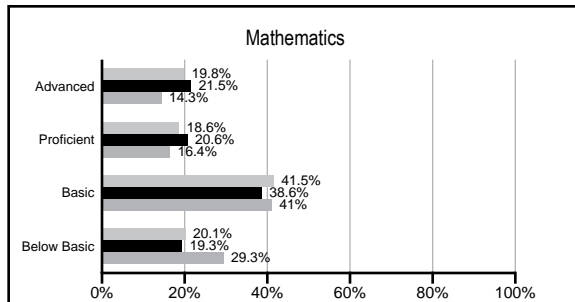
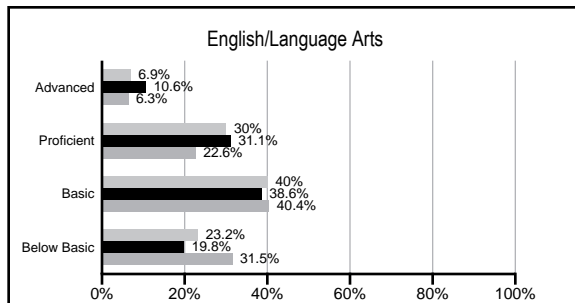
AT-RISK

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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina | 31 | 44 | 23 | 2 |
| Nation | 27 | 43 | 27 | 2 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced | | | | |

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina | 29 | 39 | 24 | 7 |
| Nation | 30 | 39 | 24 | 7 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced | | | | |

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

| | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|---|
| South Carolina | 46 | 31 | 21 | 2 |
| Nation | 43 | 30 | 24 | 3 |
| % Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced | | | | |

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

| % of students scoring 70 or above on: | Our Middle School | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 100.0% | 97.2% |
| English 1 | 100.0% | 97.2% |
| Physical Science | 0% | 43.8% |
| All Subjects | 100.0% | 97.2% |

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Northwood Middle [Greenville]

SCHOOL PROFILE

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours | Median Middle School |
|--|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Students (n=850) | | | | |
| Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8) | 53.6% | Up from 43.5% | 30.7% | 19.4% |
| Retention rate | 1.1% | Up from 0.9% | 1.8% | 1.8% |
| Attendance rate | 96.4% | Down from 96.6% | 96.3% | 95.8% |
| Eligible for gifted and talented | 25.0% | Down from 29.1% | 26.0% | 15.3% |
| With disabilities other than speech | 11.6% | Up from 11.0% | 11.0% | 12.9% |
| Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses | 0.8% | Down from 2.2% | 1.1% | 0.7% |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.0% | No Change | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Teachers (n=52) | | | | |
| Teachers with advanced degrees | 65.4% | Down from 66.7% | 59.6% | 55.0% |
| Continuing contract teachers | 75.0% | Down from 75.4% | 75.4% | 70.6% |
| Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates | 2.3% | Up from 2.0% | 3.7% | 5.4% |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 82.6% | Down from 86.6% | 84.1% | 83.4% |
| Teacher attendance rate | 95.6% | Down from 96.3% | 95.3% | 94.9% |
| Average teacher salary | \$46,856 | Up 1.3% | \$46,811 | \$44,706 |
| Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 0.0% | No Change | 1.0% | 2.9% |
| School | | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 8.5 | No Change | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 23.8 to 1 | Up from 21.7 to 1 | 21.6 to 1 | 20.1 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 91.7% | Down from 92.1% | 90.2% | 89.3% |
| Opportunities in the arts | Excellent | No Change | Good | Good |
| SACS accreditation | Yes | No Change | Yes | Yes |
| Character development program | Average | Down from Good | Good | Good |
| Dollars spent per pupil* | \$6,020 | Up 10.3% | \$6,285 | \$7,097 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction* | 69.2% | Down from 70.6% | 66.8% | 64.4% |
| Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries* | 65.3% | Down from 68.0% | 63.3% | 59.4% |
| % of AYP objectives met | 72.4% | | 76.2% | 69.0% |

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| Number of surveys returned | 52 | 259 | 122 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 72.5% | 77.3% | 75.8% |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 86.3% | 78.6% | 70.2% |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 94.2% | 88.7% | 76.9% |

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Northwood Middle School continues to be a successful middle school with strong involvement of parents through our PTA. The school's motto is "Northwood: A Community of Learners," where our open door policy encourages parents to come in and be an integral part of their child's education.

Northwood moved into a new facility this past year in January. The building is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, which includes Promethean Boards in every classroom, three fully-equipped computer labs, and three portable lap top carts.

Northwood's growth on its PACT Test scores is mixed. The scores for English Language Arts continue to be strong. Our math scores, while good, showed mixed growth over the past year. This caused our Improvement Rating to be Unsatisfactory which, in turn, caused our overall rating to be Average. This is misleading, as our scores on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills went up this year where our overall score for the school was at the 63th percentile in our 8th grade. In an effort to improve our scores, Northwood continues to use a full-time math and language arts assistance program. This program allows regular education students to get extra help during the day in either Math or Language Arts. The method of addressing special education students' deficiencies was changed to a tutorial model. These students attended regular education classes but received daily extra help all year in their deficit area.

Northwood continues to have successful programs that serve students. Among these are the Black Heritage Bowl Team, the Invention Convention, the History Club, the PTA Reflections Contest, the Science Fair, and the new career awareness/character development program funded by the Education Economic Development Act. All four were award-winning programs, including one student who won the National PTA Reflections Award for Literature. Northwood also sponsors a newspaper and a yearbook. The yearbook was an award winning book this year. Northwood sponsors the National Junior Honor Society (a student service program), a student council, and various Honor Rolls, including the B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) Honor Roll to encourage students to always try to improve themselves and their grades. The school also sponsors the Northwood Knight program to encourage good citizenship among students. The school also conducts a summer program for those students who were not successful on the PACT Test.

Northwood continues to strive for improvement for its students through the yearly self-evaluation Portfolio for Continuous Improvement model. Professional development for our staff, as well as communication, both within and outside of school, continues to be a focus for improvement.

Richard L. Griffin, Principal
Laura Lambrecht, SIC Chairperson

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